

March 18

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Gladiator, Grand Bank, 25,000 lbs halibut, 7000 lbs. cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large headline Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.50.

Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.

Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.

Fresh fish splitting prices: Large cod, \$2.90, medium do., \$2.25 Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3.00; haddock, (right through) \$1.50.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.

Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Parthia was at Liverpool on Monday.

Portland.

Sch. Moses B. Linscott and sloop Bennie were at Portland on Wednesday.

Boston Seiners and Netters.

The Boston seining and netting fleet which will go south this spring will include the steamer Quartette, and schs. Seacomet, A. C. Newhall, Massasoit, Samoset, Mertis H. Perry, Manomet, Estelle S. Nunan, Angielena, Annie M. Parker, Edna Wallace Hopper, Shenandoah, Emma W. Brown, Etta Mildred, M. Madeleine, Nellie Dixon and Rebecca. The seiners will get away before the first of April, and the netters will sail about the middle of next month.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Gladiator sold to the New England Fish Co.

March 19

FROM THE PEAK.

Two Good Trips at This Port and at Boston.

Sch. Preceptor arrived at this port from the Peak yesterday with 95,000 pounds of fresh fish mostly cod.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Edward McLean, from the same place, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon with 35,000 pounds.

Both are good fares and fine stocks will result.

Sch. Preceptor's trip sold to Cunningham & Thompson at \$2.50 per hundred weight for large and \$2 per medium.

Capt. Goodwin of the Preceptor reports that three bankers, schs. Argo, Helen G. Wells and Aloha were there and several shackers. They had been doing fairly well considering that the weather had been bad and the school fish had not struck on. No ice was encountered. Capt. Goodwin reports that sch. Argo had taken 100 tubs, getting 30 tubs in one day.

Frozen Herring From Newfoundland.

The Clipper fishing schooner Peerless of Nova Scotia, Captain Zinck, arrived at Boston yesterday from Fortune Bay, N. F., with 540 barrels of frozen herring in bulk and 62 barrels of salt herring in barrels.

REPORT MAY BE ADVERSE.

Dogfish Bill May Be Referred to Fisheries Bureau.

CHANCE OF PASSAGE POOP.

Commissioners Said To Consider Scheme Impracticable

Special Correspondent Gloucester Daily Times.)

Washington, March 17.—Congressman Charles Q. Tirrell, who represents the fourth Massachusetts district in Congress, has introduced into the house a bill providing for the extermination of dogfish, the worst menace known today to the fishermen of the New England coast. The bill was introduced at the request of Mr. C. E. Davis of Waltham, a constituent of Mr. Tirrell, who has interested himself to a considerable extent on this question. The bill provides for the payment of a bounty for each fish caught, and the author believes that by encouraging the industry of dog-fishing the pests will in a short time be exterminated to a considerable extent.

The bill had been referred to the committee on merchant marine and fisheries and I understand that it is likely to remain there, for this session at least. Of course the only members interested in such legislation to any extent are those from Maine and Massachusetts, and while they realize how important it is to the New England fishing industry that these fish should be exterminated, they also realize how difficult it will be to convince the other members of the house the practicability of the idea, and to induce them to vote to appropriate a large amount of money to father the scheme.

COMMISSION MEMBERS UNFAVORABLE.

But the greatest obstacle the bill will have to overcome will be the adverse report of the bureau of fisheries. There is probably only one member of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, to whom the bill has been referred, who knows anything about salt water fishing, Congressman Greene of Fall River, and he is undoubtedly an expert on the question. Consequently the first business of the committee when they take the matter up seriously will be to refer the bill to the United States bureau of fisheries for an opinion on the practicability of the idea. While of course it is impossible to forecast what the commission will report, it is a well known fact that prominent officials of the commission have expressed themselves of the opinion that it is neither practicable or possible to exterminate the dog-fish in this way, and that they will submit the same report to congress if they are asked to. In other words, they will sit down on the scheme hard, and oppose any appropriation being made, as called for in the bill.

This opinion will be sure to have great weight with the committee who are to consider the bill. Not being familiar with the subject themselves, they will naturally look to the fish commission for expert opinion on the matter, and it will be next to impossible to secure a favorable report from the committee over this recommendation.

One prominent member of Congress has expressed himself on the bill as follows:—"I think the fishing interests are making a mistake in pushing this bill. It is sure to be held up with ridicule in the House, and will greatly lessen the chances of any legislation for the fishermen of greater importance which may come up in the future."

It is quite certain that nothing will be done on the bill at this session, and it is the opinion of many that the bill will die a natural death in the committee to which it has been referred.

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Sch. Evelyn P. Smith, shore.
Sch. Electric Flash, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Olivia Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

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DUTY NOW ON BRINE.

New Order Promulgated by U. S. Treasury Dept.

AFFECTS THE SHIPPERS HERE.

Order Not Yet Received at Local Custom House.

Dealers in pickled fish, beef, pork and all other articles of food imported in brine are greatly wrought up over the announcement yesterday by the collector of the port of Boston that henceforth the tariff duty on this class of merchandise will be levied not only on the merchandise itself, as heretofore, but also on the brine in which it is preserved.

The order, which comes from the treasury department, is a stunning blow to the fish dealers, and is destined, it is claimed, to revolutionize the fish business of the country unless immediately revoked. Some idea of its effect upon this class of merchandise may be gained from the fact that it will increase the duty on mackerel, herring, salmon and other pickled fish from 40 to 50 per cent.

The duty on mackerel for instance, is one cent a pound. A barrel contains 200 pounds making the duty previous to the new ruling \$2 per barrel. It is estimated that the brine and salt in a barrel of mackerel weigh 100 pounds, making a total of 300 pounds, on which a duty of one cent will now have to be paid. Yesterday afternoon a meeting was held at the rooms of the Boston Fish Bureau, and a protest was agreed upon, and after being signed by all the leading importers of and dealers in fish in Boston, will be forwarded to Secretary Shaw of the treasury department.

It was decided at the meeting to invoke the aid of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Board of Trade in the effort to have the order revoked. A meeting will be held at 10.30 o'clock this morning at the rooms of the Fish Bureau at which an effort has been made to secure the attendance of Congressman McNary and Roberts.

The decision came about in a rather peculiar way. Some time ago there was imported into Eastport, Me., some pickled limes, which are an East India fruit. The assessor levied a

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